

I feel that a large quantity of spectrum could be made available by the elimination of "Translators", many of which are hundreds, if not thousands, of miles from the "Originating Station". These serve no local purpose whatsoever and unfairly insert distant broadcasters into local markets where they are incapable of serving the local market whatsoever, and where a great number of them are drastically out of compliance. These licenses should be allowed to expire and the frequencies made available for LPFM. Also, there is an excellent opportunity to create a new band devoted entirely to localism. Create a new low power service in the unused portion of the 25-26mhz spectrum, roughly equivalent to a Class A FM, and utilizing the proven transmission standard of Digital Radio Mondiale (DRM). In this new band there would not be the intense competition from the large conglomerates for scarce frequencies, as ownership would be limited to one station per licensee. This could give several new stations access to the major markets, where LPFM is not possible due to spectrum congestion. This would give a fresh start to local broadcasting heretofore unavailable, and with a proven technology in use worldwide. I believe both of these ideas deserve serious consideration and could be of great benefit in the realm of local broadcasting.